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I. GENERAL

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d) Take of	f: Date	2 April 1	.945 T	ime (LZ7	0300	(I)	(Zone); L	at. 26-07	Long.	129-58E
e) Mission	Hight 1	larget CAI	, KIKAI S	HIMA, AI	MAMI GUN	TO, HA	NSET SHO	f) Time of	Return_070	4(I) (Zone
II. OW	N AIRCRA	AFT OFFICIA	ALLY COVER	ED BY TI	HIS REPOR	RT.				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)			FUZE, SETTING		
6F-5N	WF-12	4	0	4	4 x 3.25"/5.0" R.P.			.025 delay base		
III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT I	EMPLOYE	O IN THIS	OPERA	TION.			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BA	ASE
Llone										
IV. EN	EMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE	RVED OR EN	GAGED (By Own Ai	rcraft Li	sted in II	Only).		
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED.	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	LOCA	(e) TION OF BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED			CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING		
None ·			(ZONE)		9- 187					
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h) Apparer	nt Enemy A	Aission(s)			i					
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	or Moon		(NIGHT, BRIGHT	MOON; DAY,	OVERCAST; E	ETC.)		(\mathbf{k}) Visib		MILES)
V. EN	EMY AIRC	RAFT DESTR	OYED OR DA	AMAGED	IN AIR (B	y Own A	ircraft Lis	ted in 11 Or	ly).	
(a) TYPE		OYED OR DAMAG							(c)	(d) DAMAGE
ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUNNER	1.	GUNS US	ED	WHERE	HIT, ANGLE	CLAIMED
None						27				
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) (a) SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (e) (d) (c) (b) (a) CONDITION OR STATUS CAUSE NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON NO None

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED (f) AV. FUEL AV. HOURS IN AIR AV. FUEL MILES OUT (c) MILES TYPE A/C MM 20MM .50 LOADED CONSUMED RETURN 1,300 4h.10m. F6F-5N 110 135

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	Z			_ v
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm			X	<u></u>
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm			X	

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

None encountered.

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION ARMAMENT

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Clouds Over Target	lor		TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
Visibility of Target_	(CLEAR, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS FTC.) (e)	Visibility	
Doubling Tactics: Ty	- 마스타이트 (15.1g CHEM) - 유			Jsed MX VI	II illuminated
Bombs Dropped per F	Run(NUMBE	SpacingSpacing		•	ease 2000 yd.sla (FEET)
Number of Enemy A	Aircraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed		Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk
Underground		WF-12	8 RP	4	Unobserved
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(o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest, draw diagram, top or side view or both, as appropriate, showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

An underground installation presumed to be a hanger, revetment or shop was the only terget attacked. Other rockets were launched against general dispersal areas.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY OWN AIRCRAFT

Disposition Altitudes Speeds Approach Tactics Use of Cover, Deception Angles of Attack and Their Effectiveness Distance of Opening Fire Defense Tactics and Their Effectiveness

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Method of Locating, Distance Disposition Altitudes Speeds Approach Tactics Use of Cover, Deception Angles of Attack Distance of Opening Fire Defensive Tactics

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Own Weaknesses Enemy Weaknesses Offensive Tactics, Own " Enemy Defensive Tactics, Own " Enemy Flexible Gunnery, Own Escort Tactics Fighter Direction Use of Radar Night Fighting Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK OWN TACTICS

Method of Locating Target Approach to Target Altitudes, Speeds Approach Dive Pull-Out Dive Angle Strafing Retirement Defensive Tactics Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasive Tactics, Ships Concealment Searchlights Night Fighter Tactics Use of Jamming

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bombing Tactics Torpedo Tactics Effectiveness of Bombs, Torpedoes Selection of Targets Fuzing Strafing Tactics Defensive Tactics Use of Radar Reconnaissance Photography Briefing

OPERATIONAL

Navigation Homing Rendezvous Recognition, Ships Communications Flight Operations Search and Tracking Base Operations Maintenance

Acting as Hight Target CAP over KIKAI SHIMA, Wight Fighters attacked to W-12 were continuing the round-the-clock coverage of this possible staging point of enemy attack. The island was picked up on the radar scopes at 60 miles and kept under surveillance from then until departure. Each night HELLCAT stationed itself on a separate quadrant at about 1500 foot two to five miles distant from the island. They then made periodic reconnoitering advances to assure the island's disuse during the extent of their visit.

Shortly before leaving station a coordinated rocket and strafing attack was launched against an underground position presumed to be a hangar, revotment or workshop, and a general dispersal area, both ME of WAN Airfield. Window was dropped coincidentally, and no heavy AA encountered. Light and medium AA was moderate and fairly accurate. One aircraft received two hits during the course of his dive.

All planes returned safely to base.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

Use additional sheets if necessary).

ARMAMENT

Guns, Gunsights
Turrets
Ammunition
Bombs, Torpedoes
Bomb Sights
Bomb Releases

COMMUNICATIONS

Radio, Radar Homing Devices Visual Signals Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

IFF Signals Battle Lights Procedures

PROTECTION

Armor; Points and Angles of Fire Needing Further Protection
Leak Proofing

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Parachutes Life Belts, Life Rafts Safety Belts Emergency Kits Rations, First Aid

NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Compasses
Driftsights
Octants
Automatic Pilots
Charts
Field Lighting

INSTRUMENTS

Flight Power Plant

OXYGEN SYSTEM

CAMOUFLAGE AND DECEPTION DEVICES

STRUCTURE

Airframe
Control Surfaces
Control System
Dive Flaps
Landing Gear
Heating System
Flight Characteristics
At Various Loadings

POWER PLANT

Engines
Engine Accessories
Propellers
Lubricating System
Starters
Exhaust Dampers

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Auxiliary Plant Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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